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SUBJ: MIAMI JAZZ BAND

REF: DAMASCUS 4840, (B) DAMASCUS 4798
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1. BAND SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT POST HAS JUST RECONFIRMED
ARRANGEMENTS FOR OVERNIGHT TUNIS, TWO NIGHTS SOUSSE AND
NIGHT HAMMAMET.

2. AUG. 2, TUNIS: HOTEL MAJESTIC, ROOMS ARE NOT AIR
CONDITIONED, BUT CLEAN AND COMFORTABLE. FOOD IS GOOD BY
NORMAL STANDARDS.

3. AUG, 8, 9, SOUSSE: ALL EXPENSES PROVIDED BY CULTURAL
COMMITTEE OF SOUSSE. WILL STAY AT MAISON DE JEUNES NEAR
BEACH. THERE WILL BE 11 ROOMS (10 DOUBLES, ONE SINGLE) PLUS
ROOM TO LOCK UP EQUIPMENT. CAO AND SENIOR CULTURAL
ADVISER WILL STAY THERE ALSO. MEALS WILL BE TAKEN
AT MAISON. NOT AIR CONDITIONED, BUT COMFORTABLE.
NOT HILTON CLASS BUT OFTEN USED BY INTERNATIONAL
VISITORS WITHOUT PROBLEMS.

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4. AUG. 10, HAMMAMET: ROOM AND MEALS INTERNATIONAL
CENTER WHERE PERFORMANCE WILL BE. FACILITIES ON BEACH
SPARTAN ROOMS IN AMPHITHEATRE. FOOD TUNISIAN/WESTERN
COOKING. PERFORMING STARS HAVE FOUND CENTER ADEQUATE,
BUT IT IS NOT A FIRST CLASS AMERICAN HOTEL.

5. WE CAN CALL A TUNISIAN DOCTOR WHEN NECESSARY. WE

WILL ALSO ATTEMPT TO ASSURE EQUIPMENT NOT STOLEN AND STAGE NOT OVER RUN BY ADMIRERS OR HECKLERS. BUT HERE WILL HAVE TO BE SOME FLEXIBILITY AND HELP ON PART OF BAND AND THEY MUST REALIZE THIS IS NOT MIAMI BEACH. DO NOT BELIEVE EXPECTATION OF "MUCH BETTER FACILITIES FOR BALANCE OF TOUR" (PARA 3 REFTL) WILL BE MET OR THAT "FIRST CLASS ACCOMODATIONS BY U.S. STANDARDS" REALISTIC.

6. SCHEDULE IS LIGHT ENOUGH TO PROVIDE FOR SOME REST AND RECOVERY:

SUNDAY EVENING FREE

MONDAY DRIVE TO SOUSSE AND DAY FREE.

TUESDAY FREE UNTIL 9:30 P.M. CONCERT.

WEDNESDAY DRIVE TO HAMMAMET AND FREE UNTIL 10:00 P.M. CONCERT.

THURSDAY MORNING DRIVE TO TUNIS FOR DEPARTURE,.

7. POST PROVIDING \$800 POCKET MONEY FOR GROUP. TRAVEL, AND ACCOMMODATIONS, MEAL INDICATED ABOVE PAYED FOR BY POST, SOUSSE CULTURAL COMMITTEE AND HAMMAMET FESTIVAL.

8. GIVEN PROBLEMS OF GROUP, SICKNESS AND OTHERWISE, THEY SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL DO BEST TO MAKE VISIT
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SUCCESSFUL WITHIN LIMITATIONS OF AVAILABLE FACILITIES AND THAT IF ABOVE NOT ADEQUATE THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY INFORM US AND WE WILL, WITH SOME EMBARRASMENT, ON THEIR BEHALF, CANCEL ENGAGEMENTS NOW PLANNED. HOWEVER, WE PREFER THEY COME OPEN MINDED TO ENJOY THE BEACHES, SIGHTS AND TO PERFORM, THEN WE WILL HAVE BEST POSSIBLE PROGRAM.

9. INFORM GROUP ALL ONWARD BOOKING STILL UNCONFIRMED WILL BE CONFIRMED AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL.
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